Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Harvey E. Mills, and we are richer because Harvey lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Harvey was born on May 14, 1926, in Bushnell, South Dakota, to Kenneth and Marian Felton Mills and grew up in rural Brookings, South Dakota, graduated from Brookings High School in 1944 and South Dakota State University (SDSU) in 1950, and while attending SDSU, he held the school record in the half mile run; and,

Whereas, Harvey served as an infantry soldier in Europe in World War II during the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star; and,

Whereas, Harvey married Mary Lou Larrabee on September 12, 1948, in Brookings, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Over the years while raising his family, Harvey built Mills Construction in Brookings, supported missionaries, sailed his boat, competed in marathons, raced his bike, and inspired many people with his solid Christian faith, kindness, and South Dakota work ethic; and,

Whereas, Harvey resides in Brookings and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State